AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 10. Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing phytotoxicity to a plant caused by a herbicide application to the plant or the seed from which it grows which method comprises:
 - (a) applying to a plant locus a composition comprising a chloronicotinyl insecticide, and
 - (b) applying to the plant locus a herbicidal composition, wherein the herbicide is selected from the group consisting of chloroacetamides, imidazolinones, oxyacetamides, sulfonylureas, triazines, triketones isoxazoles, and combinations thereof.
 - 2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said plant is a crop plant.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the crop plant is a monocotyledon plant.
- 4. (Original) The method according Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied to the soil at the locus.
- 5. (Original) The method according to Claims 1 wherein the herbicidal composition is applied to the foliage of the plant at the locus.
- 6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is a compound of formula (I):

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$$R-N$$
 (Z)
 $X-E$

in which

R represents hydrogen, optionally substituted radicals from the group acyl, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl;

A represents a monofunctional group from the series hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, aryl, or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical Z;

E represents an electron-withdrawing radical;

X represents the radicals -CH= or =N-, it being possible for the radical -CH= instead of an H-atom to be linked to the radical Z;

Z represents a monofunctional group from the series alkyl, -O-R, -S-R,

$$-N(R)$$

or represents a bifunctional group which is linked to the radical A or to the radical X (if X represents = C-).

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide composition is applied to the seed from which the plant grows.

8. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a pre-emergent treatment.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the herbicide is applied as a post emergent treatment.

10. (Canceled)

- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 2 wherein the crop plant is a maize or corn plant.
- 12. (Original) The method according to claim 11 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied to the seed of the corn plant.
- 13. (Original) The method according to claim 12 wherein the chloronicotinyl insecticide is applied at a rate of from 0.05 mg/seed to 3 mg/seed.
- 14. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 4°C to about 25°C.
- 15. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-3 wherein the soil temperature at the plant locus at or before the time of application of the herbicide is from about 10°C to about 20°C.
- 16. (Original) The method according to Claim 6 wherein the compound of formula (I) is:

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow NH$$
 $N \longrightarrow NO_2$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow NH_2$$
 $N = N - NO_2$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow S$$
 $N \longrightarrow NO_2$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N \longrightarrow CH_2} CH_2 \xrightarrow{N \longrightarrow N - CH_3} N \xrightarrow{N \longrightarrow NO_2}$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2 - N \longrightarrow CN$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} - CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{S} S$$

$$CI - CH_2 - N NH CH NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} NH$$

$$CH - NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_{2} \xrightarrow{NH} NH CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_{2} \xrightarrow{N} N(CH_{3})_{2}$$

$$CH \xrightarrow{NO_{2}} CH_{2} \xrightarrow{N} NO_{2}$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N-H} CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{N-H} N-NO_2$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm} \hspace{1cm} \hspace{$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_3} CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3 CI \xrightarrow{\text{N}} CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3 CH_3$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\text{N}} CN$$

$$CH_2 - CH_3 CH_3 CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3 CH_3$$

$$CN$$

$$N = \text{N} - CH_3$$

$$CI \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} C_2H_5 \\ | \\ N \end{array}} - CH_2 - N - C - NHCH_3 \qquad CI \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} CH_2 - N \\ | \\ N \end{array}} - CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ | \\ N - CH_3 \end{array}} - CH_3$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & \\ \hline \\ S & NH \\ CH \\ NO_2 \\ \end{array} \qquad \qquad CI \stackrel{S}{\longrightarrow} CH_2 - N \stackrel{NH}{\longrightarrow} NH \\ NN_{O_2} \\ \end{array}$$

$$H_3C$$
 S N NH CI CH_2 NH CH_2 NH CH NO_2

$$CI \xrightarrow{N} CH_2 \xrightarrow{N} NHCH_3 \qquad O \xrightarrow{N} H \xrightarrow{N} HCH_3 \\ N \xrightarrow{N} NO_2 \qquad N \xrightarrow{N} NO_2$$

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$$CI \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad } CH_{2}^{-}NH \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad } NHCH_{3}$$

$$NO_{2}$$

$$CI \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow CN$$

$$CI \longrightarrow CH_2^-N \longrightarrow NHCH_3$$
 $N \longrightarrow NO_2$

$$O \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow N - CH_3$$

$$N - NO_2$$

or